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1. INDOCHINA

PRES FORD ORDERS AMB SCRANTON TO VETO VN BID FOR UN MEMBERSHIP DUE HANOI'S FAILURE PROVIDE REQUESTED INFO ON MIAS. VN CHARGES FORD'S REAL CONCERN IS TO WIN VOTES IN CAMPAIGN. SCRANTON DENIES DOMESTIC POLITICS INVOLVED (WSJ; CARTER, NYDN; AP, CHITRIB). HANOI SAYS SERIES DIPL NOTES EXCHANGED WITH USG FOR PAST 2 MOS IN EFFORT ESTABLISH NORMAL RELS, BUT "NO POSITIVE REPLY" RECEIVED (AP, CHITRIB). NYT (AP) CARRIES TEXTS 6 NOTES VN SAYS EXCHANGED WITH WASHINGTON.

TREWHITT (SUN) SEES CAUTIOUS MANEUVERS TOWARD DETENTE

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BETWEEN US, HANOI COLLAPSING WITH FORD ORDER VETO UN

MEMBERSHIP. REPORTS DESPITE UPROAR, BOTH COUNTRIES APPEARED TAKE GREAT CARE LEAVE DOOR OPEN TO FUTURE EXCHANGES. SAYS DOS' BROWN EVEN REFUSED WRITE OFF 1973 C-F AS VEHICLE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. REVIEWS NOTES MADE PUBLIC BY HANOI. MORGAN (WP) SAYS HANOI NOTES INDICATED GENL WILLINGNESS DISCUSS MIAS, BUT DOS OFFICIALS CHARACTERIZE THEM AS LACKING ANYTHING SPECIFIC/SUBSTANTIVE.

NAUGHTON (NYT) NOTES PRES' DECISION PROVOKES ANGRY RESPONSE FROM VIET OFFICIALS AT UN WHO ACCUSE US OF "ARROGANT AND HOSTILE POLICY." QUOTES WH SPOKESMAN THAT PUBLICATION OF NOTES BY VN RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER EVER WAS SERIOUS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE, WHILE HANOI POSSIBLE SEARCHED FOR "PRETEXT TO PUBLISH" NOTES.

EARLY (CSM) DESCRIBES FRIENDSHIPMENT AS BROAD PEACE COALITION SEEKING US-VN RECONCILIATION.

2. CHINA

KYODO REPORTS SCHLESINGER, OTHER FOREIGNERS, WERE AMONG THOUSANDS PAYING RESPECTS TO MAO MONDAY, ON FIRST DAY FOREIGNERS PERMITTED DO SO (AP, SUN). UPI (HK) NOTES USLO'S DEAN LED OFFICIAL DEL OF 12 DIPLOS, MORE THAN 20 OTHER STAFF/FAMILY MEMBERS TO MAO'S BIER. REPORTS NO WORDS EXCHANGED EXCEPT FOR VERY FORMAL GREETINGS/ CONDOLENCES (NYDN). CHITRIB (PEKING) DISPATCH SAYS ABOUT 40 AMCITS INVOLVED. AFP (PEKING) REPORTS SCHLESINGER'S SCHEDULED TRIP AROUND PRC RESUMING TUESDAY (NYT); REUTER (PEKING) NOTES SCHLESINGER DEPARTED TUESDAY FOR KWEILIN.

WATTENBERG (PEKING) REPORTS SCHLESINGER PARTY ARRIVED AT GREAT HALL, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DELS OF NATIONS REGARDED AS ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY TO PRC. OFFICIAL US PARTY ARRIVED HOUR LATER. SCHLESINGER GROUP GREETED BY ELITE OF CHINESE LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING HUA, WHILE - OFFICIAL US PARTY MET BY SECOND TEAM. SAYS PEKING'S SCHEDULING OF ARRIVALS OF TWO US PART;ES LED SOME DIPLOS SPECULATE THIS AS MUCH MESSAGE TO US--ENDORSEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SCHLESINGER'S HARD-LINE VIEW OF SOVIETS -- AS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT "LIAISON OFFICE" RANKS BELOW AN EMBASSY (WP).

PRC HAS REJECTED CONDOLENCE MESSAGES SENT BY SOVIET, EE COMMUNIST PARTIES ON MAO'S DEATH. FONMINISTRY SPOKESMAN TELLS REUTER MESSAGES UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE CCP HAS NO RELS WITH COUNTERPARTS (WP).

NEWS SERVICES REPORT THAT IN MOSCOW GROMYKO LED FOUR-MAN DEL TO PRC EMBASSY TO SIGN CONDOLENCES BOOK. WESTERN DIPLOS CALLS DEL LEVEL, WHICH INCLUDED SECOND POLITBURO MEMBER, "APPROPRIATE," BUT NOT ENOUGH ;O BE CONSIDERED "SIGNAL" TO CHINESE. MEANWHILE, TASS PUBLISHED EXTRACTS OF WESTERN PRESS ARTICLES HARSHLY CRITICAL OF MAOISM -- FIRST SUCH PUBLICATION SINCE MAO'S DEATH (WP).

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CSM'S WILLIS (MOSCOW) REPORTS WESTERN ANALYSTS SEE SOVIET DECISION TO SEND GROMYKO DEL AS "MINIMUM GESTURE NECESSARY" -- HOLDING ACTION, INDICATING MOSCOW STILL PRESERVING OPTIONS. WHILE VISITING PEKING, WSJ'S BARTLEY REPORTS CHINESE BANKS NO LONGER ACCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELERS CHEQUES. COMPANY SOURCES SAY IT HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR WRIST-SLAPPING BY CHINESE ON GROUND FIRM HAD BECOME OVERLY FRIENDLY WITH ROC. BUT PRCLO ISSUED WARNING NOT "JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS," SUGGESTED MAYBE PRC NEVER ACCEPTED AMERICAN EXPRESS CHEQUES IN PAST, AND IF SO, WOULDN'T DO SO NOW.

3. TIBET

NYT'S MAXWELL, IN LHASA (9/13), REPORTS CHINESE DOMINATING HIGHER OFFICES; ABOUT 90 PCT OF CHINESE THERE POSTED FOR SPECIFIC WORK, WILL RETURN HOME; BUT CHINESE SAY PROPORTION OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN POSTS IS INCREASING.

4. THAILAND

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FLASH FLOOD KILLS 26 IN CENTRAL PLAINS (UPI WP, NYDN).

5. BURMA

FORMER DEFMIN GEN TIN OO, 7 OTHERS GO ON TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH PLOT ASSASSINATE NE WIN (REUTER, LAT 9/12).

6. PHILIPPINES

USAID DIRECTOR ZIMMERLY, AMEMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR CHENEY, DEP US DIRECTOR ADB LEE, JAPANESE AND GERMAN EMB COUNSELORS MISSING IN SMALL PLANE IN STORM AS APPROACHED MANILA. HEAVY RAIN HAMPERS SEARCH (WP).

7. HONG KONG

CHICAGO'S CONTINENTAL BANK PURCHASES MAJORITY INTEREST
IN UNDERWRITERS BANK LTD (JOC).

8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA SIGNS MUTUAL COOPERATION PACT WITH US DJ IN
INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS ILLEGAL FOREIGN SALES EFFORTS
BY LOCKHEED (UPI, JOC).

ANZUS TROOPS WILL TAKE PART NEXT MONTH IN BIGGEST
PEACETIME EXERCISE EVER STAGED IN AUSTRALIA (REUTER
CANBERRA).

MORGAN (NYT 9/12) DOES EXTENSIVE TRAVEL PIECE ON NZ.
OBSERVES CERTAIN AMBIVALENCE: KIWIS DON'T WANT LAND
SPOILED, BUT RECOGNIZE TOURISM AS GROWING RESOURCE -
WORTH 126 MILLION DOLS LAST YR. MENTIONS MANY CONSIDER
COUNTRY TO BE LIVING EDITION OF UTOPIA, BUT PM MULDOON
BELIEVES ECONOMY CAN'T AFFORD TOO MUCH INDULGENCE.

9. JAPAN

FORMER GRUMMAN OFFICIAL TELLS SENATE SUBCMTE THAT IN
1972 WH AIDE TOLD HIM 1 MILLION DOL CONTRIBUTION TO
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NIXON CAMPAIGN "WOULD HELP" GRUMMAN OBTAIN GOVT SUPPORT
FOR SALE OF E2C PLANES TO JAPAN. ADDS DID NOT KNOW
WHETHER CONTRIBUTION EVER MADE (AP, CHITRIB; UPI,
NYDN). SAYS LATER LEARNED E2C PURCHASE RECOMMENDED
BY JOINT US-JAPAN CMTE DURING NIXON SUMMIT TALKS
WITH TANAKA IN 1972 (OBERDORFER, WP). STATES
DISCUSSION APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE AT LOWER-LEVEL TALKS
INVOLVING AMB MARSHALL GREEN, WHO SAYS NO WH PRESSURE
TO DISCUSS E2C AT SUMMIT (HERSH, NYT).

SELF-DEFENSE FORCE TECHNICIANS EXAMINE MIG (AP, NYT),
TAKE IT APART, PHOTOGRAPH IT PIECE BY PIECE. CONTRARY
REPORTS, GOJ HAS NOT YET PERMITTED US EXPERTS INSPECT
PLANE, BUT JAPAN EXPECTED SHARE FINDINGS WITH DOD,
PERMIT US EXPERTS TAKE PERSONAL LOOK AT MIG (NYDN).

JAMESON (LAT 9/11) REPORTS MIKI GAVE CABINET ULTIMATUM:
AGREE TO SPECIAL DIET SESSION OR QUIT. ON 9/12 SAID
REBELS BACKED OFF ON DEMAND MIKI RESIGN, WENT ALONG
WITH CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION. JAMESON QUOTES CABINET
SECY THAT MIKI WOULD APPOINT NEW CABINET, NAME NEW
LDP LEADERS AFTER PARTY CAUCUS TUES.

TYPHOON FRAN KILLS 100, LEAVES THOUSANDS HOMELESS
ON KYSHU (AP CHITRIB; SEIDEN, SUN). LAT (9/12) CARRIES
AP PIC 52,000-TON JAPANESE OIL TANKER BROKEN IN HALF BY
STORM. WSTAR (9/13) REPORTS DEFENSE FORCES MOBILIZED
5300 SOLDIERS FOR RESCUE OPNS.

IMPORTS JAPANESE STEEL HIT BY US STEEL INDUSTRY
(BALTO N-A 9/13). NISSAN MOTOR CO REACHES ACCORD ON
PRICE INCREASE FOR SHEET STEEL WITH NIPPON STEEL (NYT).

10. JAPAN/SINGAPORE

SUMITOME CHEMICAL POSTPONES START-UP 330,000 TON/YR
ETHYLENE PLANT IN SINGAPORE FROM 1979 TO 1982 ON ADVICE
MITI; BASED ON GUIDELINES CURB COMPETITION IN PRODUCTION/
SALES OPNS ABROAD (WSJ).

11. KOREA
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BORGER (WSTAR 9/13) NOTES REV MOON'S BIG DAY APPROACHES,
AS SATURDAY'S MILLION-DOL PRODUCTION ON WASHINGTON
MONUMENT GROUNDS LOOMS. GAY (WSTAR 9/13) REPORTS
REV MOON QUIETLY BLITZES CONGRESSMEN WITH LITTLE
PACKAGES EXPENSIVE GINSENG TEA. ONE CONGRESSMAN
RETURNED HIS, SAYS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YRS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. INDOCHINA

CDN (9/9) FINDS VN'S ANNOUNCEMENT DEATH 12 PILOTS
WELCOME BREAK IN SILENCE ON MIAS, BUT TIMING SUGGESTS
MORE DIPL PLOY RATHER THAN GOOD WILL GESTURE. FINDS
US TACTIC COUNTERING VN CARROT WITH STICK ON UN VETO
UNDERSTANDABLE UNLESS US WINS SOME ASSURANCE VN WILL
SETTLE BATTLEFIELD ACCOUNTING.

NYT CONSIDERS PRES' ORDER VETO VN'S APPLICATION UN
MEMBERSHIP. OPINES IN ELECTION YR MIGHT BE TOO MUCH
EXPECT PRES RISK CONSERVATIVE SUPPORT BY MAKING FRIENDLY
GESTURES TO FORMER ENEMY. BELIEVES SIMPLE ABSTENTION IN
UNSC WOULD HARDLY HAVE CONSTITUTED OFFICIAL EMBRACE,
BUT WOULD HAVE PERMITTED START FORGING CONSTRUCTIVE
POL RELS WITH INFLUENTIAL/RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT NEW
SEA POWER.

13. THAILAND

LAT'S MCARTHUR (9/11) LOOKS OVER SENI'S DETERIORATING SITUATION, FINDS POPULARITY AT "ROCK BOTTOM" AS CONFIDENCE EBBS. NOTES SITUATION DISTRESSES OTHER SEA LEADERS WHO SEE THAILAND AS VITAL TO STABILITY REMAINING NON-COMMUNIST STATES IN AREA. SAYS NO MAJOR LEGISLATION HAS COME FROM PARLIAMENT, SENI SUPPORTERS ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SQUABBLES, LITTLE TIME GIVEN TO NATL PROBLEMS, SENI BUDGET IS ROUTINE WITH LITTLE TO STIMULATE AGRICULTURE/INDUSTRY/INVESTMENT. BELIEVES SENI'S FAILURE DOMINATE OWN PARTY MOST DISCOURAGING TO OBSERVERS; GOVT SURVIVES BECAUSE NO VISIBLE ALTERNATIVES HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMERGED.

14. CHINA

BARTLEY (WSJ) DESCRIBES SCHLESINGER PARTY'S PAYING RESPECTS TO MAO. SPECIAL REGARD FOR FORMER SECDEF NOTEWORTHY. REPORTS EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT THIRD GARRISON DIVISION WHERE IN RESPONSE TO HOST'S COMMENTS RE PLA DURING KOREAN WAR SCHLESINGER SAYS COMMENT "STRAINED RECORD OF THE HISTORICAL RECORD AND THE RULES OF HOSPITALITY." REINSTATEMENT OF ITINERARY INDICATES CONTINUITY OF CHINESE POLICY.

KRAFT (WP, BALTSUN) SAYS MAO TO BE LENINIZED. DESCRIBES MOURNING SCENE. SAYS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND POWER STRUGGLE AHEAD. REFERS TO HUA AS "COUNTRY BUMPKIN" WITH NO FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE.

FELIX MORELY, FORMER WP EDITOR, SUN STAFFER, DESCRIBES IN SUN HIS 1925 INTERVIEW WITH MAO. SAYS HE MET MAO IN CANTON,BOTH SPOKE GERMAN. MAO SAID STRENGTH IN CHINESE COMMUNISM OWES LITTLE TO SOVS AND EMPHASIZED HIS OWN PEASANT ORIGINS.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) SAYS HK ANALYSTS BELIEVE CHINESE MILITARY BEING GIVEN HEIGHTENED ATTENTION AND COULD PLAY KEY ROLE IN POWER STRUGGLE. CITES INCLUSION OF CP'S MILITARY COMMISSION ALONG WITH CC AND GOVERNMENT AS SIGNERS OF MAO'S DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT. IMPORTANT SERIES OF MILITARY MEETINGS HELD LAST SUMMER PROBABLY IN ANTICIPATION MAO'S DEMISE. NOTES LACK OF MILITARY CONNECTION BY HUA.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 9/13) SAYS ALMOST ALL PRC'S LEADERS GATHER TO MOURN MAO, AT LARGEST GATHERING OF PARTY OFFICIALS SINCE 1973 CONGRESS. CITES MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM PROVINCIAL AREAS,TELEVISION REPORTING

OF MOURNERS. NOTES SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLETE POLITBURO
TURNOUT, ALL OF WHOM DID NOT ATTEND CHOU FUNERAL.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK 9/12) CONTENDS PRC LEADERSHIP
NOW SEEMS SO UNCERTAIN THAT SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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APPEAR CONFUSED OVER WHICH LEADER IS TO RECEIVE
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON MAO'S DEATH. OBSERVES SOME OF
USUALLY PRECISELY WORDED DIPLO MESSAGES PEKING BEG8N
PUBLISHED SATURDAY HAVE BEEN SENT TO "THE LEADERSHIP OF
CHINA," OTHERS TO HUA, TO CCP'S CENTRAL CMTE, AND TO
VARIOUS DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF LEGISLATURE, NPC. MAURITIUS'S
MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS -- CHU TEH,
WHO DIED LAST JULY.

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IN 9/11 REPORT, BUTTERFIELD NOTES THAT OFFICIAL LIST
OF CMTE FOR MAO'S FUNERAL, PUBLISHED SATURDAY, SUGGESTS
THREE SENIOR OFFICIALS MAY HAVE LOST POSTS AS RESULT
OF THIS YEAR'S ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN - MINISTERS
OF EDUCATION, RAILWAYS AND NCNA DIRECTOR. ANOTHER
DISCOVERY WAS THAT TWO OF MAO'S DAUGHTERS, BELIEVED
CHIANG CHING'S CHILDREN, WERE LISTED IN POSITION OF
MEMBERS OF DEPTS OF CENTRAL CMTE; NAMES OF THE TWO HAD
BEEN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT BE TO MAO'S DAUGHTERS, BUT
THEIR WHEREABOUTS NOT PUBLICLY DISCLOSED.

SUN'S ISAACS DOES PROFILE ON HUA; FINDS HIM UNKNOWN
QUANTITY; MAY POSSIBLY LEAD PRC THROUGH POST-MAO ERA,
BUT ALSO POSSIBLY IS TRANSITIONAL FIGURE, SOON TO BE
JOSTLED ASIDE IN IMPENDING STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) FINDS WEEK-LONG MOURNING PERIOD FOR
MAO HAVING SEVERAL EFFECTS: IS REAFFIRMING, AT LEAST
FOR NOW, DENUNCIATION OF DISGRACED LEADERS, SUCH AS
TENG -- WHO HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY ATTACKED IN CHINESE
BROADCASTS/STATEMENTS SINCE MAO DIED; IS FULLY
PUBLICIZING NAMES/FACES, PERHAPS RELATIVE RANKINGS,
OF CHINESE LEADERS WHO MUST NOW CHART COUNTRY'S
POLICIES; IS DEMONSTRATING CHINESE LEADERS STILL SEE
MAO'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS SOMETHING THAT CAN PERHAPS
ONLY BE APPRECIATED BY HIS COUNTRYMEN; IS SHOWING
THAT MAO'S DEATH WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY EFFECT PEKING'S RELS
WITH OUTSIDE WORLD.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS FOUR DAYS AFTER MAO'S DEATH, ASIAN
LEADERS ON PRC RIM WHO WATCHED HIS MOVES WITH SUCH
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CARE/APPREHENSION OVER THREE DECADES NOW APPEAR WONDERING HOW THEY CAN DO WITHOUT HIM. POINTS OUT THAT PARTICULARLY IN ASIAN COUNTRIES WITH INTERNAL COMMUNIST THREAT, MAO'S OPPOSITION TO SOVIET SERVED AS USEFUL COUNTERBALANCE LETTING LOCAL LEADERS PLAY MOSCOW OFF AGAINST PEKING TO THEIR ADVANTAGE. MATHEWS (9/12) ALSO SEES SURVIVING CHINESE LEADERS BEGINNING COUNT FRIENDS/ADVERSARIES WHO WILL DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE FOLLOWING MAO'S DEATH.

CHITRIB'S GASPAR SEES MAO'S DEATH RAISING NEW QUESTIONS ABOUT TAIWAN- CONTENDS US, FOR NOW, NEEDS TAIWAN MORE THAN NEEDS PEKING; SUGGESTS US TAKE LESSON FROM ROC, WHICH HAS "STOOD UP TO" PRC FOR 27 YEARS, AND "TELL PEKING THAT TAIWAN WILL NOT BE SACRIFICED."

DEM'S JIMMY CARTER, AT PHOENIX AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE MONDAY NIGHT, SAID US "ULTIMATELY" SHOULD ESTABLISH NORMAL RELS WITH PEKING, ONCE QUESTION OF TAIWAN'S INDEPENDENCE RESOLVED. SAID US SHOULD ABIDE BY TREATIES

WITH TAIPEI, STRENGTHEN TRADE RELS WITH PRC AND "MAKE IT AGREE" TO HONOR ROC INTEGRITY/INDEPENDENCE.

LAT'S LESLIE (HK 9/12) FEELS MANY YEARS WILL PASS BEFORE AMOUNT OF US-PRC TRADE REACHES CURRENT LEVEL US-ROC TRADE. SEES GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT ABSENCE NORMAL US-PRC RELS IS CHIEF IMPEDIMENT. BUT NOTES SOME TRADERS FEEL REMAINING DRAWBACK WILL BE PEKING "INNATE LIMITATIONS" AS TRADING PARTNER -- BOP PROBLEM, DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH PRC BUREAUCRACY, UNAVAILABILITY OF CHINESE GOODS TRADERS DESIRE.

STRAUSS (JOC) SUGGESTS CHOICE OF NEXT CHINESE LEADER NARROWS DOWN TO HUA OR CHANG CHUN-CHIAO. SEES HUA WITH TWO STRIKES AGAINST HIM: WAS, PERHAPS IS, COUNTRY'S SECURITY CHIEF, AND HAS NO EXPERIENCE AS THEORETICIAN; CHANG HAS ONE VERY GRAVE STRIKE AGAINST HIM -- IS CITY BOY, NO KNOWN CONTACTS WITH CHINESE PEASANTS. DOUBTS PRC WILL SETTLE WITH SOVIET OR MOVE CLOSER TO US, AND SITUATION WILL NOT IMPROVE FOR TRADE.

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15. JAPAN

HARA, ECON EDITOR, ASAHI SHIMBUN (CHITRIB) CONSIDERS JAPAN'S DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL, REVIEWS TRAUMATIC ENERGY CRISIS, BUT BELIEVES COUNTRY HAS FAILED LEARN LESSON AND IS RETURNING TO WASTEFUL WAYS. NOTES NEW PROGRAMS TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE SOURCES STARTED, CONSERVATION EFFORTS, BUT OPINES JAPAN HAS NOT FULLY ADJUSTED TO FACT THAT VULNERABLE TO REPETITION ENERGY SHOCK. SAYS THIRST FOR OIL HAS CONFIRMED THOSE WHO ARGUE THAT MUST BASE FOREIGN POLICY ON NEED FOR IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS RATHER THAN ON IDEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS; SHIFT MEANS WILL NO LONGER FOLLOW US LEAD IN FOPOLICY AS CLOSELY AS IN PAST, MAY MEAN CONFLICTS WITH US STRATEGY, BUT ECON SURVIVAL IS TOP PRIORITY. CONCLUDES JAPAN'S SUFFERING IN ENERGY CRISIS WAS TOO FLEETING TO HAVE DURABLE IMPACT.

16. JAPAN/KOREA

CORDDRY (SUN 9/10) REPORTS BROOKINGS INSTITUTION REPORT, "SETTING NATIONAL PRIORITIES," FORESEES WORLD CONDITIONS WILL REQUIRE ANNUAL INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING FOR AT LEAST 5 YRS. STUDY CALLS FOR SHORING UP DEFENSES IN NE ASIA, W EUR, ME, AREAS MOST LIKELY INVOLVE SUPERPOWERS IN CONFLICT. BROOKINGS SCHOLARS SAY JAPAN, KOREA, EUR, ISRAEL ARE AREAS WHERE US VITAL INTERESTS CONCERNED.

17. KOREA

LAT (9/12) REVIEWS AGREEMENT PARTITION PANMUNJOM TRUCE SITE, BELIEVES SHOULD LESSEN CHANCES FOR VIOLENT CONTACTS BETWEEN US, NK SOLDIERS. WELCOMES MOVE SINCE SHOULD REDUCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCIDENTS.

HARVARD'S JEROME COHEN (LAT 9/12) BELIEVES ANOTHER UNPOPULAR WAR POSSIBLE, SO US SHOULD RETHINK ROLE IN KOREA. SAYS MASSIVE US AID PERVERTED BY PARK TO IMPOSE REPRESSIVE DICTATORSHIP THAT ALIENATED SK FROM US.
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BELIEVES BOTH NK, SK HAD AMPLE MOTIVE WELCOME CLASH, SINCE BOTH SEEKING SUPPORT 3RD WORLD, UNGA. NOTES NK ECON PROBLEMS/SUCCESSION QUESTION, SK GROWING ECON DEPENDENCE ON US, JAPAN, WIDESPREAD POL UNREST. SEES US CAUGHT IN MIDDLE, WITH ACTION BY SK/NK POSSIBLE INVOLVING US IN ANOTHER UNPOPULAR WAR ON BEHALF OF DICTATORSHIP AGAINST TOTALITARIAN POWER. ASKS IF US

SHOULD COMPLETELY WITHDRAW FROM SK, TERMINATE DEFENSE COMMITMENT? THINKS IN LONG RUN SUCH MOVE

ATTRACTIVE, BUT SUDDEN CHANGE WOULD RISK REPEATING EVENTS OF LATE 1940S. RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING INITIATIVES: PRES SHOULD SPELL OUT US DILEMMA IN KOREA, ANNOUNCE US-SK READINESS NEGOTIATE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL WITH NK; PRES SHOULD CONDEMN PARK'S REPRESSIVE POLICIES AS WELL AS KIM IL SUNG'S, MAKE POSITION CLEAR TO KOREAN PEOPLE; PRES SHOULD TRY OPEN OFFICIAL/UNOFFICIAL POL/ECON/CULTURAL CONTACT WITH NK TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION. BELIEVES NKOREANS RIGID/ISOLATED/HOSTILE, AND SOONER WE/JAPANESE/OTHERS DEVELOP COMMUNICATION CHANNELS, THE BETTER.

18. GENERAL

LAT (9/10) SAYS VIET NAM'S MEMBERSHIP IN UN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS WHICH ARE COMPELLING. WHILE MEMBERSHIP NO GUARANTEE OF VIRTUE, IT COULD HELP BUILD VN INDEPENDENCE. SUGGESTS THAT IN VIEW OF NORTH KOREA'S APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN UN MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE BEST TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF SOUTH KOREAN INTEREST UNTIL GERMAN-LIKE APPROACH OF ONE NATION, TWO MEMBERS POSSIBLE.

ANDELMAN (NYT 9/13) REPORTS ACCELERATED SEASIAN ASSESSMENT CONSEQUENCES OF MAO DEATH. IMPACT ON USSR-PRC RELS PRIMARY INTEREST. CITES RIVALRY IN SEA, AND POSSIBLE IMPACT ON INDOCHINA. SAYS PRC STEADYING INFLUENCE BOTH IN HANOI AND PHNOM PENH. BELIEVES SOVS WOULD ATTEMPT MOVE INTO ANY VACUUM. ROBINSON

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